

***Remarks***

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claim 1 is pending in the application being the independent claim. Claims 2-18 are sought to be cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

***Conclusion***

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested. Applicants believe the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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